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Tribunals constituted under the Madras Estates Abolition Act.

* 1084 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri M. Rajeswara Rao is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the Proceedings."

SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether representations from the Bar and the General Public have been received by the Government regarding the difficulties felt by them as a result of the cumbersome procedure followed and the long delay in disposing of the cases by the Tribunals constituted under the Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Land Act, 1948; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) & (b) The answer [a] is placed on the table of the House."

Legal assistance to Harijans of Tamirga village, Gudivada taluk.

* 1085 Q.—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it was a fact that the Harijans of Tamirga village of Gudivada taluk requested the Government for legal assistance some four months back in respect of a civil suit instituted by Government against the Harijans of the whole village, regarding the dispute of the ownership of land in R.S. Nos. 510 and 495 (a village site poramboke of the Harijans of Mesakamalapalli)?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" No. They requested the write off of Rs. 429–0–6 which was awarded by High Court as costs to Government in an appeal preferred by the Harijans to establish their title to the fields in question. The matter is under consideration."

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" There has been no instance where legal assistance has been given in the State to Harijans even though our Constitution provides for the same and also the State declares it to be its policy. So, will the Government at least consider the waiving of the collection of dues in this case? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The hon. Member's statement is not correct. There are instances where legal assistance has been rendered. If a separate question is put I shall be able to give the answer."

SRI M. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" In view of the fact that Harijan Sivoijamadars who have been in possession of land for the last twenty or thirty years have been evicted by the neighbouring rich landholders and in view of the fact that the matter has been referred to the revenue authorities who in turn referred the

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[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 1510–1511 infra.